



Dimitrijevic Report

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- Vice-Chairwoman, Health & Human Needs Committee
- Parks, Energy, & Environment Committee
- Intergovernmental Relations Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Milwaukee County Commission on Aging
- Lakefront Development Advisory Commission

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS

- Bay View Neighborhood Association
- Honorary Capital Campaign Committee, Bay View Historical Society
- South Shore Park Watch
- Bay View Lions Club
- Clarke Square Weed & Seed Steering Committee
- Inter-Organizational Council of Bay View
- Bay View High School Alumni Association
- 9 to 5, National Association of Working Women
- South Side Scholarship Foundation
- City of Milwaukee Affordable Housing Task Force
- Bay View Manufacturers & Commerce Association
- Bay View Historical Society
- The Association of Marquette University Women
- Sierra Club
- Board of Directors, Emerge Wisconsin
- American Council of Young Political Leaders
- UMOS Community Service Block Grant Advisory Committee

Dear Neighbors:

I hope you and your families had a great summer! Here at the County Board, we are about to begin our 2010 Milwaukee County Budget process. On September 24th, the County Executive will propose his 2010 County Budget. I will host two listening sessions in the 4th District to discuss the budget with you. In addition, the County Board's Public Hearing is at 7:00 p.m. on November 2nd at the Washington Park Senior Center. The County Board's annual budget adoption meeting is set for November 9th at 8:30am. In the event that the County Executive chooses to issue budget vetoes, the County Board will meet on November 18th at 1:30pm to take up the matter of the vetoes. I hope you will actively participate in this process by attending these meetings to by contacting me to voice your opinion. It matters!

-Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic

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Dog Park in Warnimont Park, Cudahy

The County Board's Parks, Energy, and Environment Committee unanimously approved the plan for a dog exercise area in Warnimont Park, near the Kelley Senior Center in Cudahy. "As soon as I saw how close it was to Bay View, I signed on as a co-sponsor with Supervisor Pat Jursik. Many residents in Bay View have expressed an interest in a nearby dog park, and with its close location to Bay View, I think it will be a great resource to our South Shore neighborhoods", said Supervisor Dimitrijevic.

Recycling Receptacles at Courthouse are “Just for Show”

Milwaukee County Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic and Elizabeth M. Coggs, Chair of the County Board’s Finance & Audit Committee, will propose a series of changes to Milwaukee County’s recycling policy, in light of a recent report from the Milwaukee County Department of Audit. The Audit shows that the Administration operated recycling programs at the Courthouse and City Campus facilities with the understanding that recyclables could simply be combined with other trash.

“Apparently, the Administration mistakenly believed that the recyclables were being separated at an off-site facility,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic said.

“This action goes against the spirit of the Green Print, which was adopted by the County Board and signed by the County Executive in 2007,” said Supervisor Dimitrijevic. “For decades, we have placed our recyclables into special receptacles thinking that these items would actually be recycled. It’s like we are all victims of a practical joke from the MTV show *Punk’d*. It seems that there is an Ashton Kutcher in the Courthouse.”

Thanks in part to the Green Print legislation authored by Supervisor Dimitrijevic, visitors and employees at the Courthouse are concerned about recycling more than ever before. In the absence of responsible recycling practices at certain county buildings, Supervisors Dimitrijevic and Coggs are acting immediately to correct the problem, by developing a strategic recycling plan and enacting a consistent countywide policy.

“We’ve worked hard to establish a new conservation ethic in Milwaukee County. Our airport, zoo and human services facilities have done a great job implementing recycling programs,” added Supervisor Coggs. “In fact, according to the Audit, through a centralized recycling contract, we could sell our recyclables to a local recycler. If we follow the lead of the Coggs Center, the only Milwaukee County facility that earns \$100 per ton for the sale of its paper, we could actually generate revenue countywide, which would be great news for taxpayers.”

“I don’t blame the employees who were doing their jobs. They were simply doing what they were told to do,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic added. “My concern rests with the Administration for not making recycling a bigger priority. Had we not requested this audit, who knows how long this practice would have continued? By not being a responsible environmental citizen, Milwaukee County, due to its apparent lack of recycling, is harming our environment. Assessing the damage is simple math. Imagine the impact of thousands of employees and hundreds of buildings, which all create tons of paper, glass and plastic. Milwaukee County’s footprint is too large to just keep adding to landfills.”

Dimitrijevic in the District



On September 13th, Supervisor Dimitrijevic walked in the Mexican Independence Day Parade along with Supervisor Peggy West. She also attended the 2009 Brides Walk sponsored by the Latina Resource Center of UMOG. Pictured below with Supervisor West and Congresswoman Moore.



Supervisor Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Chris Larson shared a booth at the Bay View Bash on September 19th. They both greeted residents and handed out informational materials.

On August 18, 2009, Supervisor Dimitrijevic attended a Listening Session at Independence First regarding upcoming 2010 County Budget priorities for our disability community. Over 100 people attended this successful meeting and we discussed plans for improving treatment for persons with mental illness, physical disabilities, and promoting independence in Milwaukee County.



Leave the Hoan Alone!!!!

Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Larson, and Jursik, along with Representative Sinicki will host a town hall meeting to Save the Hoan Bridge on Monday, September 21, 2009, 5:30pm at the South Shore Park Pavilion. Residents will be able to view a power point presentation with information regarding WISDOT reports and will also be able to voice their opinions on the matter. Hope to see you there!

[Click here to download a petition to Save the Hoan Bridge!](#)

[Click here to view a powerpoint on the Hoan Bridge](#)

DID YOU KNOW??????????

That OUR Milwaukee County Parks have been selected as a finalist for the 2009 National Gold Medal for Excellence in the Park and Recreation Management Program? The National Gold Medal Award is the most prestigious and highly esteemed award a park and recreation agency can receive. The winner will be named at the National Recreation and Park Association's conference in Salt Lake City next month. GOOD LUCK TO THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT!!!